

AWARDS UNDER HUDSON'S BAY AND PUGET SOUND AGRICULTURAL COMPANIES' TREATY.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

INCLOSING

A letter from the Secretary of State asking an appropriation to pay the awards under the Hudson's Bay and Puget Sound Agricultural Companies' treaty with her Britannic Majesty.

MARCH 29, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

WARRANT DIVISION, TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

March 26, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose a letter from the honorable Secretary of State, asking an appropriation to pay the "awards under the Hudson's Bay and Puget Sound Agricultural Companies' treaty with her Britannic Majesty." I also send copy of a draught of an act making the necessary appropriation, which was prepared at the State Department.

The award referred to will be found on page 38 of the inclosed pamphlet.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, &c.,

GEO. S. BOUTWELL,

Secretary.

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Washington, March 24, 1870.

SIR: By the treaty entered into on the 1st day of July, 1863, between the United States and her Britannic Majesty, for the final settlement of the claims of the Hudson's Bay and Puget's Sound Agricultural Companies, it was stipulated that the sums which might be awarded by the commissioners under the treaty should be paid by the one government to the other in two equal annual installments, the first to be paid within twelve months and the second within twenty-four months after the date of the award.

The commissioners appointed under the treaty, by their award dated September 10, 1869, determined that there should be paid in gold coin by the United States the sum of \$450,000 to the Hudson's Bay Company, and \$200,000 to the Puget Sound Agricultural Company.

I beg to call the attention of the Treasury Department to the fact that the first installment of these awards will become payable, under the terms of the convention, on the 10th day of September next.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

HAMILTON FISH.

Hon. GEO. S. BOUTWELL,
Secretary of the Treasury.

AN ACT making an appropriation of money to carry into effect the treaty with Great Britain of July 1, 1863.

Whereas, by the treaty entered into on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, between the United States and her Britannic Majesty, for the final settlement of the claims of the Hudson's Bay and Puget Sound Agricultural Companies, it was stipulated that the sums which might be owned by the commissioners under said treaty should be paid by the one government to the other in two equal annual installments, the first to be paid within twelve months, and the second within twenty-four months after the date of award, without interest. And whereas, the commissioners appointed under said treaty did, by their award dated September 10, 1869, determine that there should be paid in gold coin by the United States of America the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars on account of the possessory rights and claims of the Hudson's Bay Company, and the sum of two hundred thousand dollars on account of the possessory rights and claims of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company: Therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, six hundred and fifty thousand dollars in gold coin for the payment to the government of Great Britain of the sums awarded, as aforesaid, in accordance with the fourth article of the treaty of July 1, 1863.

Award.

At a meeting of the commissioners under the treaty of July 1, 1863, between the United States of America and her Britannic Majesty for the final settlement of the claims of the Hudson's Bay and Puget Sound Agricultural Companies, held at the city of Washington on the 10th day of September, 1869.

Present: Alexander S. Johnson, commissioner on the part of the United States of America; John Rose, commissioner on the part of her Britannic Majesty.

The commissioners having heard the allegations and proofs of the respective parties, and the arguments of their respective counsel, and duly considered the same, do determine and award that, as the adequate money consideration for the transfer to the United States of America of

all the possessory rights and claims of the Hudson's Bay Company, and of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, under the first article of the treaty of July 1, 1863; and the third and fourth articles of the treaty of June 15, 1846, commonly called the Oregon treaty, and in full satisfaction of all such rights and claims, there ought to be paid in gold coin by the United States of America, at the times and in the manner provided by the fourth article of the treaty of July 1, 1863, on account of the possessory rights and claims of the Hudson's Bay Company, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and on account of the possessory rights and claims of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars; and that, at or before the time fixed for the first payment to be made in pursuance of the treaty and of this award, each of the said companies do execute and deliver to the United States of America a sufficient deed or transfer and release to the United States of America, substantially in the form hereunto annexed.

In testimony whereof, we, the said commissioners, have set our hands to this award in duplicate, on the day and year and at the place aforesaid.

ALEXANDER S. JOHNSON,

Commissioner on the part of the United States.

JOHN ROSE,

Commissioner on the part of her Britannic Majesty.

Form of Deed.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, in pursuance of the award of the commissioners, under the treaty between her Britannic Majesty and the United States of America, on the first day of July, 1863, which award bears date September 10, 1869, doth, by these presents, transfer to the United States of America all the possessory rights and claims of the said company mentioned and specified in the first article of the said treaty, and in the third and fourth articles of the Oregon treaty, therein referred to; and also doth, by these presents, release unto and in favor of the United States of America all claims and demands founded upon, or growing out of, the aforesaid provisions of the said treaties, or the possessory rights and claims of the said company hereinbefore referred to.

In testimony whereof, the Puget Sound Agricultural Company have, in due form of law, executed this deed at London, this — day of —, eighteen hundred and —.

The same form of deed, *mutatis mutandis*, is to be executed by the Hudson's Bay Company.